



2005 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 71

February 27, 2006 – Introduced by Senators GROTHMAN and DARLING, cosponsored by Representatives STRACHOTA and JESKEWITZ. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1 **Relating to:** the life and military service of Staff Sergeant Todd Cornell of the
2 United States Army Reserves who lost his life during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

3 Whereas, on November 9, 2004, Staff Sergeant Todd Cornell of West Bend,
4 Wisconsin, a member of the Army Reserves 1st Battalion, 339th Infantry Regiment,
5 died as a result of wounds received during enemy action in Fallujah, Iraq; and

6 Whereas, Staff Sergeant Cornell, born January 3, 1966, will be remembered for
7 his free spirit, spending his childhood summers helping a farmer with beekeeping,
8 hay harvesting, and work in his apple orchard, and as a 4-H member; and

9 Whereas, during his high school years, Staff Sergeant Cornell was an avid
10 swimmer, going to state meets his freshman and senior years, and someone who
11 loved restoring old cars and riding with the wind on his Harley Davidson motorcycle;
12 and

13 Whereas, the number one priority in Staff Sergeant Cornell's life was love for
14 his 2 children, Caitlin and Jake; and

1 Whereas, Staff Sergeant Cornell will be remembered as someone who always
2 said, “Send me,” when asked to defend his fellow soldiers and his country, who was
3 a proud member of the United States Army, willing to serve with pride and without
4 prejudices, and a true American patriot; and

5 Whereas, Staff Sergeant Cornell provided faithful and honorable service to the
6 people of the state of Wisconsin and the United States, receiving the Purple Heart,
7 a Bronze Star for meritorious service, and a Bronze Star for valor, the National
8 Infantry Association Order of Saint Maurice award, plus six other awards from Army
9 Reserves, and having taken enemy fire to prevent insurgents from attacking the
10 Iraqis he supervised; and

11 Whereas, following his death, a conference room at the Army Command Center
12 in Baghdad was dedicated to Staff Sergeant Cornell and adorned with his portrait,
13 a leadership award was created in his name at Ft. Lewis, Washington, and, during
14 the historic January 2005 Iraqi elections, an American flag was flown in his honor
15 on a United States Air Force C-17, then presented to Staff Sergeant Cornell’s
16 surviving family; and

17 Whereas, the people of Wisconsin mourn the death of Staff Sergeant Cornell
18 and thank him, with the deepest respect and gratitude, for his bravery and for
19 making the ultimate sacrifice for his country; and

20 Whereas, Staff Sergeant Cornell was laid to rest on November 18, 2004; now,
21 therefore, be it

22 ***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That*** the legislature of
23 the state of Wisconsin commemorates the remarkable life of Staff Sergeant Todd
24 Cornell and extends its deepest sympathies to his family, friends, and colleagues;
25 and, be it further

